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FM AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1831

INFO AMEMBASSY KABUL

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

S E C R E T ISLAMABAD 8047

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SUBJECT: PAK-SOVIET RELATIONS: PM BHUTTO'S COMMENTS

REF: ISLAMABAD 7507 AND 7433

1. IN A DISCUSSION ON OTHER MATTERS WITH BHUTTO IN KARACHI, AUGUST 31, HE DIGRESSED TO GIVE ME WHAT HE SAID HE ACCEPTED AS THE FINAL SOVIET POSITION ON THE ALLEGED POLICY REMARKS OF THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN KABUL RE THE DURAND LINE AND OTHER MATTERS, AND THEIR SUBSEQUENT DOWNGRADING BY SOVIET AMBASSADOR HERE (AND I SUSPECT IN MOSCOW). HE SAID THE SOVIET POSITION WAS THAT THEIR POLICY RE PAKISTAN REMAINED AS SET FORTH IN THEIR JOINT COMMUNIQUE AT THE TIME OF HIS VISIT TO MOSCOW IN OCTOBER 1974. NO CLARIFICATION, ACCORDING TO THE SOVIETS, WAS THEREFORE NECESSARY ASREGARDS ANY ALLEGED REMARKS OF SOVIET AMBASSADOR.

2. BHUTTO SAID HE HAD PERSONALLY TALKED TO HIS AMBASSADOR KABUL AND THAT HE BELIEVES THE ALLEGED REMARKS WERE TRUTHFULLY AND ACCURATELY REPORTED. HE SAID IT APPARENT THAT OUR JOINT SPECULATION ON THIS MATTER (REFTELS) WAS PROBABLY CORRECT. BUT HE SAID HE HAD GIVEN UP ON ANY EFFORT TO GET ANY PUBLIC REASSURANCE FROM THE SOVIETS TO
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AS TOO MANY THINGS HAD HAPPENED IN THE INTERVAL (AN
OBVIOUS REFERENCE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO BANGLADESH)
AN HE WAS CERTAIN THEY WOULDN'T DO IT.
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